



Docket No.: 121.1001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Toshiki TANAKA et al.

Serial No. 09/783,527

Group Art Unit: 2633

Confirmation No. 4937

Filed: February 15, 2001

Examiner: D. Payne

For: OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND TRANSMISSION SECTION REPAIR
METHOD

PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Appeal filed November 4, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on January 4, 2005. A Petition for a two-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 4, 2005.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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